


Friday 20th January 2023

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<p>NEU Strike Day February 1st</p> <p>Members of the NEU are intending to strike on Wednesday February 1st. Please see the attached letter from Fortismere for more details.</p> <p>Mirrors in toilets</p> <p>The mirrors in the boys' and girls' toilets in the North and South Wings have been removed for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Younger students have reported their concerns in using the facilities when groups of older students are congregating • Some students have been spending too long in the toilets which prevents others being able to use the facilities • Lateness to lessons <p>Students may bring small mirrors to school. Some students may need mirrors for contact lenses or hijabs.</p> <p>Parents and carers are reminded that all our toilets have doors. The outer doors leading to boys' and girls' toilets have been removed to support safeguarding. We will be improving the cubicle doors as part of our ongoing cycle of works.</p> <p>Year 9 Options</p> <p>Thank you to everyone who attended the Year 9 Options Evening on Wednesday. We hope you found the evening informative and helpful. Y9 parents/carers should have received an email prompt to book an options conversation on Tuesday 31st Jan. Please note that morning time slots are in person and afternoon slots are on our schoolcloud platform (same as parents evening). Please click this link to take you to your booking options https://fortismere.schoolcloud.co.uk/</p> <p>Top positive points - well done to this week's top scorers</p> <p>Lily Kohler, Boux Barten-Weissweiller, Saskia Frances-Georgianna, Liv Gwinner, Dylan Zwikker, Chloe Craig, Xander Haga, Julia Guerra-O'Hanlon, Mikaeel Dahag, David Dochitoiu Barau, Zaki Vardy, Florence Hall, Veeran Sangha</p>	<p>CoHeadteachers' Message</p> <p>Charity & Fundraising Events</p> <p>Departmental News & Notices</p> <p>Parent Information Session</p> <p>Safeguarding Information</p> <p>Calendar</p> <table border="1"> <tbody> <tr> <td>26/1</td> <td>Charity Band Night 7pm in Music Hall</td> </tr> <tr> <td>26/1</td> <td>Parent Information Session: Drugs & alcohol 6pm NW Hall</td> </tr> <tr> <td>31/1</td> <td>Y9 Options Conversations</td> </tr> <tr> <td>25/2</td> <td>Quiz Night Fundraiser 7pm SW Hall</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	26/1	Charity Band Night 7pm in Music Hall	26/1	Parent Information Session: Drugs & alcohol 6pm NW Hall	31/1	Y9 Options Conversations	25/2	Quiz Night Fundraiser 7pm SW Hall
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Co-Headteachers

Weekly Roundup

We've been wrapping up warm this week as the temperature took a sudden downturn but are thankful we have managed to avoid snow during this particular cold snap. We certainly didn't want any additional challenges for our students in Years 13 and 11 who have been taking their mock examinations this week. We have been impressed by the way students have been preparing for these assessments and the general way they have organised themselves. Some of our BTEC students even sat real exam papers this week.

In other big education news this week we are sure you will by now be aware that following a ballot with its members the National Education Union announced that they are planning strike action on 1 February, 2 March and 15 and 26 March. The school has not yet finalised its plans for 1 February but you should have received a separate letter on this matter so please do check your inboxes.

This week we were delighted to see parents of Year 9 students on site for the important Year 9 Options Evening. North Wing was packed with students and parents seeking information about the subjects we have on offer for students at Key Stage 4. It was a very informative evening and in some cases parents and students left the evening with a wealth of decisions left to consider. However, it was wonderful to see both our students and staff having the opportunity to talk to Year 9 students and parents about the exciting educational experiences in store in Years 10 and 11 and our Year 9 students thinking hard about what they want to do next. While we appreciate this is a very exciting next step, we also understand that some students find making the right decision quite daunting. We would remind all of those students that there is plenty of background reading available from the school and that tutors, Ms Williams and Mr Barsby are all on hand in school every day to answer questions that they have. We trust that their upcoming guidance meetings will help everything fall into place.

We are also very much hoping to see many of you at next Thursday's Charity Band Night which has been organised by our 6th Form students to raise money for Shelter. Our music events are always memorable evenings and we are sure this will be no different. More details can be found below.

With that, we'd like to wish you a lovely weekend and a happy Lunar New Year.

Charity Event

Student Charity Band Night - Thursday 26th January 7pm NW Music Hall

A group of our sixth form students are organising and running a charity music event Nathan, one of the students involved in the event, writes about it below. Please come and support the students, hear some great music and raise money for charity.

On Thursday 26th January there will be a charity band night in support of Shelter. It begins at 7pm, lasts around 2 hours, and will be held in the Music Hall, North Wing. We have an exciting mix of bands, solos, and ensembles, performing a range of musical styles - there will even be a staff band! Food and drink will be available to buy before and during the event.



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CHARITY BAND NIGHT
Thurs 26th January
Organised by 6th form students
In support of
SHELTER



Tickets £10, purchase at door, or scan below
Fortismere School
Music Hall
N10 1NS, Creighton Ave
26.01.23, 7pm



The evening is organised and run entirely by students, and we'd love as many people as possible to be there! Shelter is an incredibly important charity, and their work is particularly significant in this cold weather, so please come along and support! Tickets cost £10 and are available at <https://www.fortismereperformingartscentre.co.uk/> or they can be bought on the door. If you want to know more contact Nathan Joseph josen083.309@fortismere.school

School Fundraising Event

Quiz Night - Saturday 25th February 2023 6.30pm SW Hall

Here's a date for your new 2023 diaries - The **Fortismere Annual Quiz Night** is happening on Saturday 25th February 6.30 pm in South Wing Hall. This is our main spring fundraising event and we've set an ambitious target of £7000 and we need your help to reach this.

Our host for the event is the award winning Pauline Eyre - we know that she's going to make the Quiz a lot of fun and a great night out. Lynne Parker, founder of Funny Women Ltd describes Pauline, "*She excels as a stand-up and we have recently encouraged her to MC, this role plays to Pauline's natural level of warmth and comic ability. She instinctively engages with the audience and creates an environment that is welcoming and fun for them. A true skill*".

Tickets are £10 per person to make up teams of 8-10 people. If you're a smaller group don't worry we can put you with others to make a full team. There will be a bar but bring your own food to share.

Please get your tickets early - you'll have a fun night and you'll be helping the school to raise much needed extra funds. **Tickets available from** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fortismere-quiz-night-2023-25th-february-tickets-517620194937>

Contact Maria Demetriou with any queries mdemetriou@fortismere.org.uk

Physics Department Notice

British Physics Olympiad

At the end of last year four of our Y13 physics A-Level students participated in round 1 of the prestigious British Physics Olympiad. They competed against 2,830 students from 440 schools from across the UK in a physics problem solving challenge paper. To highlight exactly how challenging this is physics teachers have tried and the average score is 25%. Every question requires a different perspective to get the measure of it. This fluency in recognising topics and linking ideas is, in part, what develops the physicist's confidence and mastery. It takes time and perseverance to master this challenge and a lower mark is no reflection on a student's ability in physics, whilst perhaps providing the spur to improve their skills in this area. So it is with great pride we announce the success of our students from Fortismere School:

Aaron Rambon Czarny - Gold; Lukas Remeisis - Silver

Thomas Lehmann - Bronze; Thijis Bahan - Commendation

Aaron has now qualified for Round 2 of the Physics Olympiad which could take him all the way to the International Physics Olympiad in Japan in July. Congratulations to all the students and the supporting team of Physics teachers.

Mandarin Excellence Programme Notice

Chinese New Year Celebrations

Chinese New Year 2023 arrives on the 22nd January and our MEP students have brought the spirit of new year celebrations to Fortismere! Ms Wang organised for Year 8 MEP students to make lanterns and they decorated the classroom with paper cuttings of Chinese characters '福' (representing happiness) and '春' (representing spring). Also, traditional couplets of new year wishes were put up to bring in good luck.

On Thursday this week, Year 8 and Year 9 MEP students had a very festive after school lesson in the music hall where they learned to do a lion dance and dragon dance, which are both traditional Chinese New Year performances. Ms Wang also taught the students to try out making music with Drums and Gong instruments to accompany the dancing.

Through the events in school, MEP students built their team spirit and experienced Chinese New Year celebration culture. Feedback from the students has been very positive. Y9 MEP students are also looking forward to a dumpling making lesson on Monday in the Food Tech room!

Happy Chinese New Year and we wish you all a happy and prosperous year of the Rabbit!



Art & Photography Department Notices

Ex-student creates artwork in the Emirates Stadium



Ex-Art student, Reuben Dangoor, has collaborated with artists, Jeremy Deller and David Rudnick to create eight large murals in the Arsenal stadium. The murals celebrate the club's supporters, community, legends and staff. You can see other pieces and find out more [here](#).

Royal Academy Summer Exhibition Competition for Students

Now in its fifth year, the Young Artists' Summer Show is a free, open-submission exhibition for students aged 4–19 studying in the UK. Artworks are judged by a panel of artists and arts professionals, with **selected artworks displayed online and on-site at the Royal Academy of Arts.**

There is no theme and the RA accepts artworks of any kind- drawing, painting,



print, photograph, sculpture, textiles, video, even performance pieces.

Registration and submission is open until 29 March 2023, [find out more and get involved](#). You can either enter yourself via the website or speak to your Art teacher.

Global Canvas - Children's Wildlife Art Competition

Prizes

- 1st Prize: £500 (art vouchers)
- 2nd Prize: £200 (art vouchers)
- 3rd Prize: £100 (art vouchers)

Theme: "Biodiversity – the complex web of life". Free to enter and open to children aged 16 and under – either as a group or an individual. Deadline is 10th Feb. Find out more [here](#)



KS3 Art Club Returns

Art Club restarts on Thursday 19th January (3.30-4.30pm) in N6. This term we will be developing drawing skills, looking at proportion and drawing portraits.

International Comic / Manga Competition

Manga, comic, and illustration contest open to students worldwide. Prizes include creative software and pen tablets.

The theme for all categories is "Journey". Entries will be accepted for the following six categories: Comic, Manga, Bande Dessinée, Webtoon, Storyboard & Illustration. Submissions may be created using any drawing tools or software.



More information can be found [here](#). The deadline is 3rd April. Amazing prizes! We are waiting for the school to be registered at the moment. Watch this space for an update.

Library Notices

Alexandra Palace Children's Book Award

Our Year 7 book group, shadowing the Alexandra Palace Children's Book Award (Biblio-Buzz), is now in full swing, and our members are cracking on with reading the brilliant shortlist. We'll be voting mid-March on our favourite and are looking forward to our day out on 24th March when we'll be meeting all the authors and celebrating the winner in the fabulous theatre at Alexandra Palace. We still have space and plenty of books to welcome new members to our fun meetings (biscuits too!) so if your child has missed out on the announcements, we have lunch together on Thursday lunchtimes in the library – all Year 7 readers welcome!



Stationery

We've noticed that lots of tutors are doing stationery checks plus there are exams going on. Do remember we sell everything your student needs including scientific calculators (£8.50), ready filled pencil cases (£3.50) and flash/revision cards (£2). And (very) handy packs of tissues for 10p.



STAR Reading Tests

Years 7 and Year 8 have now completed their Spring term STAR Reading tests and the results will shortly be on Cloud School. Please remind your students that the expectation is that they read for at least 30 minutes every evening and that is the way their reading ages will improve. Doing the Accelerated Reader quizzes really helps too (and rewards are given). How about the whole family turning off screens for half an hour to read?!



Recommended Reads of the Week

It's Burns Night on Wednesday 25th January. Get into the mood with one of these Scottish treats...



PE & Sports News

Big thank you to Haringey Sports Development

Thank you to Burk Gravis at Haringey Sports Development Trust for supplying the funding for new football goal nets on the astroturf and on the field. Our nets now look very smart and will impress visiting teams when we host fixtures with other schools. We also want to thank them for contributing towards the cost of our new orienteering course which has been set up around the school grounds and will be an exciting new edition to our school curriculum in the spring term. We'll share more news about this soon.

Rowers still needed for London Youth Games

We are still recruiting for any rowers that might be interested in representing Haringey Borough at the London Youth Games in March. Please come and speak to Ms Vangucci or Mr Hawkes

Cricket Silver Medals for Year 9 Girls

Congratulations to Lila, Rose, Eloise, Lara, Xanthe, Elke, Leila and Grainie. They played brilliantly, only just losing to Highgate. Fantastic teamwork and individual performances by Lila, Eloise and Grainie.



Haringey Indoor Athletics Year 8

There were some fantastic individual and team performances by our Year 8 athletes on Tuesday evening. A brilliant display of resilience and determination against some very strong opponents and a very well deserved bronze medal - competing against ten other schools. Well done!



Table Tennis

If you're interested in playing some table tennis a club has just started at New River Sports Centre on Tuesdays at 5pm-7pm. Contact omojudi27@hotmail.co.uk

Haringey Table Tennis Club

Commencing Tuesday
17th January 2023
Every Tuesday
Time: 5pm – 7pm

New River Sports Centre,
London,
N22 5QW

omojudi27@hotmail.co.uk

Fixtures week commencing Monday 23rd Jan

Monday 23rd Jan - Haringey Trampoline Competition 1.30 start at Hornsey School For Girls

Tuesday 24th Jan - U13 Boys Cricket @ Fortismere after school. Yr 7 A,B and C Teams v Highgate 2.15
KO AWAY - meet after lunch in the sports hall.

Wednesday 25th Jan - Year 7b Indoor Athletics Competition STM after school.

Thursday 26th Jan - Middlesex Schools Cross Country at Harrow School meet at lunch time. Year 9
Football v Gladesmore 3.15 p.m H

Friday 27th Jan - U13 Girls Football v STM Away meet at start of lunch.

Music Department

Upcoming Concerts Spring Term

Thursday January 26th: Charity Band Night - See the entry at the top of the Newsletter

Thursday February 9th: Music and Poetry - This is a concert that features music and poetry from across the school. There will be some outstanding performances and we look forward to Haru Ogiwara's Haydn Cello Concerto amongst various other performances. If you would like to perform please contact the Director of Music, Mr Jefferies

Thursday March 9th: A Level Recital Evening - this concert will feature performances from our A Level students who will be playing their final recital pieces. This group of musicians are really quite outstanding and I would urge you to come along to hear them.

Saturday March 25th: Fortismere Community Symphony Orchestra Concert - This concert will feature the Barber Violin Concerto performed by Darragh Morgan. If you would like to know more about this terms soloist please visit www.darraghmorgan.com

Fortismere Community Symphony Orchestra - Tuesdays 7pm-9pm

The FCSO has resumed and meets on Tuesday evenings at 7pm in the Music Concert Hall. If you or your child would like to join then please get in touch. We are always keen to have new players but be advised that we require players to be of the following standard in order to play the repertoire:

Strings - Grade 7+

Brass - Grade 7+

Woodwind - Grade 8+

Percussion - Grade 7+

We are particularly keen to hear from Violinists, Double Bass, Bassoonists, Trombonists, French Horns.

Appalachian Spring Dance Project - Monday Evenings 7pm-9pm

The Appalachian Spring Contemporary Dance Project has resumed and meets on Monday evenings 7-9pm in the Music Concert Hall. This is a cross generational piece and open to all dance styles and all standards (Beginner to Advanced). It is a new choreography by Luis Gallo Muddera and will result in a public performance with a live orchestra of twenty three musicians later this year. Please contact the Director of Music for more details by emailing ejjefferies@fortsmere.org.uk

Night Dances- Saturday Afternoons 3.30pm-5.30pm

The Night Dances Project has resumed and meets on Saturday afternoons from 3.30-5.30pm in the Music Concert Hall. This is a cross generational piece and open Ballet dancers. (Beginner to Advanced). It is a new choreography by Simone Pinchera and will result in a public performance with a live orchestra of 23 musicians later this year. Please contact the Director of Music for more details by emailing ejefferies@fortsmere.org.uk

Fortismere Community Choir- Saturday 10.30am-1.00pm

The Fortismere Community Choir resumes on Saturday 14th January and welcomes new members. This term they are preparing for their Easter Concert of Rachmaninov's Vespers. If you are interested in singing please come along - it is a non audition choir and everyone is welcome!
Please contact the Director of Music for more details by emailing ejefferies@fortsmere.org.uk

Ensembles This Term

Please remind your children to be prompt to rehearsals. Repertoire for the term will appear in Google Classrooms and should be looked at before attending a rehearsal.

	Lunchtime	After School
Monday	String Group - Concert Hall	KS3 Music Tech - MU1 Chamber Orchestra - Concert Hall
Tuesday	SSA Choir - Concert Hall Percussion Group - MU1 Popular Guitars - MU2	Jazz Band - Concert Hall Fortismere Community Symphony Orchestra - 7pm-9pm
Wednesday	Big Band - Concert Hall	Bands (Rooms available for practice)
Thursday	Junior Choir - Concert Hall DJ Club - MU4	KS4 Music Tech - MU4 Cello Group - MU2
Friday	Male Voices - Concert Hall Classical Guitar Group - Concert Hall	
Saturday	Music Theory Classes - 11:30am-12:30pm Fortismere Community Choir - 10:30am-1pm	Bands (Rooms available for practice)

Safeguarding at Fortismere

Parent Information Session - Drugs & Alcohol Thursday 26th Jan 6pm-7pm NW Hall

Fortismere is hosting an information session on Drugs & Alcohol use. The session will be facilitated for us by [Insight Platform](#), Insight Platform is the Children, Young People & Family Service, commissioned by London Borough of Haringey. The session is aimed at parents and carers that wish to update their knowledge and understanding of drug trends, signs of use and how to talk to your child about the issues. Complete the following Google form to attend:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdS90Oy_F5ro88kT-FAP7Y0h92zomsBn7_1Jf3C73k1xSTn2Q/v/iewform?usp=share_link

Safeguarding Contacts

If you wish to speak to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (Ms Sullivan) about any safeguarding matters or concerns please email safetalk@fortismere.org.uk alternatively you can contact your child's Tutor or their Head of Year:

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Year 8 icuenca@fortismere.org.uk

Year 9 kwilliams@fortismere.org.uk

Year 10 kjackson@fortismere.org.uk

Year 11 dward@fortismere.org.uk